

GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT SERVICES DIGEST

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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME BACK

The Guidance and Placement staff, Bragg, Kyle and John, would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for another challenging yet rewarding year of assisting students with their academic, personal/social and career development. We encourage you to contact any of us when you have questions; while we don't always have the answers, we will do our utmost to help you find the information you seek.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

A REMINDER:

Sample curriculum lessons for all ages that correspond to the new standards and GLE's may be found on the Guidance E-Learning Center at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

A. CAREER PLANNING TOOLKIT AVAILABLE

For a good toolkit for counselors on career planning, go to <http://www.acrnetwork.org/counselortk/>

B. FREE FIELD TRIP AVAILABLE. MORE INFORMATION IS BEING SENT IN A SEPARATE TRANSMISSION. PLEASE PASS TO APPROPRIATE TEACHERS.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is sponsoring Field Trips and Career Awareness Project (free!).

Two events are planned per month for OCT, NOV, JAN, FEB, and MARCH.

Authorized by the DNR Field Services Division, Jefferson City, MO 65102; James D. Lubbers, Environmental Education Specialist and Project Coordinator. Contact: jim.lubbers@dnr.mo.gov or call 1-800-361-4827, or fax 573-751-6755.

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

ADVANCING SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MISSOURI-

A two day conference is being offered by the Department of Mental Health and Lincoln University and will be held on **September 10-11 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Mo.**

Although suicide affects all segments of our population, it is a highly prevalent and disturbing problem among our youth. In 2004, suicide was the second leading cause of death for Missouri youths ages 15 to 19.

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In 2005, nearly 15.3% of Missouri students surveyed reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide during the previous 12-month period, with 7.1% having actually *attempted* suicide.

These statistics drive home the importance of recognizing and reducing the risk factors associated with suicidal behavior as well as choosing evidence-based methods of preventing suicide. During this workshop you will receive valuable information about existing resources and available programs, while also having the opportunity to network with others working in the field of suicide prevention.

For more information and a registration form, go to <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/2007Conf.pdf>

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED ON MENTAL HEALTH

Over the last few months, groups made up of persons from state agencies, community organizations, provider organizations, consumers and family members have been meeting to make recommendations for transforming Mental Health in Missouri into Communities of Hope throughout Missouri that support a system of care where promoting mental health and preventing disabilities is common practice, and everyone has access to treatment and supports essential for living, learning, working and participating fully in the community.

The goals of the workgroup were:

1. Missourians understand that Mental Health is Essential to Overall Health.
2. Missouri's Mental Health Care System is Consumer and Family Driven
3. Disparities in Missouri's Mental Health Services are Eliminated
4. Early Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Referral to Services is Common Practice in Missouri.
5. Excellent Services are Delivered and Research is Accelerated in Missouri.
6. Technology is used to Access Services and Information in Missouri.

Public input is now being sought on recommendations developed by the work groups. Please go to

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/transformation/Aug2007TransformationMtgs.pdf> and

http://www.dmh.mo.gov/transformation/Sept2007TransformationMtgs_000.pdf to find dates and locations for those meetings. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

ANOTHER RESOURCE THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION:

There is a new continuing education package for secondary school teachers, *SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL FACTORS THAT ENHANCE SECONDARY EDUCATION*, developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in conjunction with your State's mental health department. You can view it online at <http://www.allmentalhealth.samhsa.gov/schools.html>

In addition, Rita McElhany, Community Development Manager, Department of Mental Health, has copies of the book, CD, and poster for the first 15 who request it. She has informed me that she will be happy to order additional copies if additional persons request it. You can contact Rita at:

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{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

PLEASE SHARE WITH THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED:

Core Data Workshops are being offered to provide assistance to district personnel who are new to Core Data reporting or who would like additional information about the data and/or program. To see dates and locations, go to: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/coredata/CDworkshops0708.html>

ALSO TO SHARE WITH TEACHERS AND OTHERS:

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The Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation is offering scholarships to persons enrolled in a teacher education program or seeking additional certification or advanced degrees and grants for classroom projects or improvement. For more information and application forms, go to <http://www.mortf.org/Scholarships.htm>

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A THE MSCA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE is scheduled for September 7-9, 2007 in Jefferson City. To see the brochure which contains the registration form, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/WebsiteGeneral/Leadership2007.pdf>

C. THE MISSOURI SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE will be held November 4-6, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A conference preview is posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/ConferencePreview.pdf> .

D. BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. A reminder showing featured speakers is available for download and printing at <http://missouricareereducation.org/images/bridges2007/postcard.pdf>

E. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>